



BIOGRAPHY OF HENRY CLUFF

OF PROVO, UTAH

WHO CAME TO PROVO IN 1850

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HENRY AND KEZIA ELIZABETH RUSSELL CLUFF

Henry Cluff, the 10th child of David and Betsey or Elizabeth Hall Cluff, was born 15 Feb. 1843 in Nauvoo, Hancock Co., Illinois. Henry was four years old when his family was driven from Nauvoo but he vividly remembered the persecution of the Saints. He moved west with his parents and as a youth remembered the travels and hardships experienced by the family and

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the Saints. In the fall of 1850 the family came to Utah, settling in Provo. In 1862 he learned the cabinet trade with his brothers. In 1864 he went back to Missouri for immigrants. He took an active part in the Black Hawk War and later Indian troubles which occurred in the early settlement of Utah. On 9 Nov. 1865 at the early age of 22 he married Kezia Elizabeth Russell. In 1871 he moved to the Cluff's ranch near Keetley. He gave his attention to farming and stock-raising. He and his brother Joseph made many a hazardous trip through Provo Canyon, cutting roads through snow slides and fording the swollen river at many points. In 1878 he was set apart as Presiding Elder over Elkhorn Branch of East Heber Ward. In 1899 he was set apart as Bishop of Elkhorn Ward under the hands of Apostle Francis M. Lyman with Orson H. Lee and Harry Morris as counselors. He served two terms as Justice of Peace of Elkhorn District and was elected County Commissioner in 1900. For 17 years he gave his time as school trustee and served as musical director of the Branch. He lived at the ranch until about 1910 or 1912 when he and his wife moved back to Provo. His wife died a few years after they moved and he lived alone for 16 years until his death in 1931. He made Salt and Dill pickles that were very good. His granddaughter, Lily C. Provost remembers them so well. She remembers going to see her grandparents when she was two years old and seeing them sitting on the porch as they are in the accompanying photo.

Kezia Elizabeth Russell, daughter of Richard and Hannah Underhill Russell, was born 12 Jan. 1844 in Titbury, Gloucestershire, England. She was christened in the Church of England but soon after her family joined the LDS Church. The mother died before they left England to come to America and Utah but in 1864 they left their home and came to Utah. The father died on the way

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to Utah but the family came on, joining an Aunt and Uncle in Utah living on the Weber River. Kezia obtained employment on a farm where Henry Cluff was laboring. He wooed and won her and they were married on 9 November 1865 in Provo, being sealed later in the Endowment House. Soon after their marriage the young wife was left alone while Henry went to fight in the Black Hawk War. She was not used to the wilds of western America and suffered many hardships. She learned to depend on the Lord to help her through the trying times. She raised a family of 11 children 5 girls and 6 boys. She died at the age of 71 on 16 Jan. 1915 in Provo, they having moved there a few years before her death.

Henry's and Kezia's children were as follows:

1. Ada Leonora born 6 Aug. 1866 at Provo, and was married to George F. Moulton 27 Sept. 1883. She died in 1947.
2. Lilley May born 25 May 1868 in Provo. She was married to George R. Hardman 12 Oct. 1887. She died 19 Oct. 1950.
3. Henry Russell born 3 Dec. 1869 in Provo. He married Fanny Lavina McDonald 2 Oct. 1892 and died 18 June 1958.
4. Evelyn born 14 Aug. 1872 in Wanship, Summit Co., Utah. She married James H. McDonald.
5. Charles Richard born 7 Feb. 1874 at Elkhorn (now Keetley). He married Emma Verona McDonald 16 Oct. 1900. He died 23 June 1954.
6. Hattie born 19 Jan. 1876 at Elkhorn. She drowned when nearly three years old on 13 Oct. 1879.
7. Eleanor born 28 Feb. 1878 at Keetley. She married George Washington 6 Dec. 1898 and Moroni Moulton 11 Aug. 1848. She died 28 Jan. 1955.
8. William David born 24 April 1880 at Keetley. He married Mabel Bates 14 Feb. 1903.
9. Hyrum Frederick born 22 Jan. 1882 at Keetley. He married Maria Margaret Taylor 15 July 1903.
10. John Robert born 24 Nov. 1883 in Provo. He married Myrtle Jones.
11. Albert Edward born 6 Oct. 1885 at Keetley, and died 6 June 1887.

Henry Cluff, the subject of this Biography was born in Nauvoo, Ill., Feb. 15th, 1843, the ninth in a family of twelve sons and one daughter. He was the son of David Cluff, who was born June 20, 1795, in Nottingham, Rockingham County, New Hampshire, U. S., and Betsy R. Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Moses and Lucy Hall of Canada. From this marriage there was an issue of Twelve Sons and one daughter. Lavina, the oldest, was born at Shipton Canada, Oct. 17, 1824; David was born July 29, 1826, at Durham, New Hampshire; Moses was born at Durham, N. H. Feb. 11, 1828; Benjamin was born in Durham, Mar. 20th, 1830, William W. in Mar. 8th, 1832, in Willoughby, Ohio, Joseph in Willoughby, Jan. 11, 1834; Harvey H. was born in Kirtland, Ohio, Jan. 9, 1836, Samuel S. in Kirtland, Ohio, Sept, 1837, Hyrum in Nauvoo, Ill., April 19, 1841, Henry in Nauvoo, Ill., Feb. 15th, 1843, Alfred in Nauvoo, Ill., Nov. 1, 1844, Orson at Pisgah, Iowa, Aug. 1847, Jerry was born at Provo, Utah, April 20th, 1856

Altho Father Cluff was but four years of age when his parents with the main body of the Latter Day Saints were driven from their homes in Nauvoo they had helped to make beautiful, he has a vivid recollection of hardships the members of the Church underwent before leaving for Utah. Among those recollections and one that imprints itself indelibly in his memory was the martyrdom of the prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum. Due to his large family for whom he had to provide and the lack of means grand-father Cluff did not arrive in Utah with the main body of Saints. Pisga, Iowa, was the first stopping place of the family, Council Bluffs was the next reached, Carterville, on Mosquito Creek, was their next. In each of these

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places they built homes, planted and harvested crops and recruited themselves so they could continue their journey on to Utah. The family of Cluffs and Hyrum Sweat, who married the only daughter, arrived at Salt Lake on the 3rd day of October, 1850 with Bishop Hunter's Company. Their stay was of brief duration in Salt Lake City, they moved to Provo where they built a home inside of the New Fort. They lived here until the trouble with Indians had subsided a little, ^{ground} Father Cluff being one of the first families to move out of the Fort. In order to keep his large family employed he took up many acres of land at the base of Temple Hill, about a mile east of the Fort. Henry and three of his brothers then took up cabinet work which they did at spare times. In 1864 ~~F~~ather was called to go back to the Missouri River to bring emigrants. He left Provo on the 26th of April in company with John R. Twelves, Benjamin Haws, Zenos Pratt, Joseph Beesely, Oscar Wilkins and William Brown of Provo, they each drove two yolk of oxen or wild steers. This journey would make a history of itself. ^{at} On one of their camping grounds while they were looking around they were horrified at the terrible spectacle which met their gaze. There among the brush lay skeletons of men, women and children who had been slain by the merciless indians supposed to be the victims of the Babbit Massacre which had occurred some time previously. The company reached the Missouri River in safety without encountering the hostile indians. The amigrants whom they expected to convey to Utah were camped at Wyoming, a station on the bank of the river. After recuperating the teams a few days they loaded provisions, and men, women, and children in the wagons and the homeward jour-

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—ney commenced. The emigrant train consisted of 63 wagons with a teamster and four yolk of oxen to each wagon and about six hundred emigrants. Joseph R. Rawlins of Draper, Utah, was chief captain. They were five months making this trip.

On his return home father courted and married a young English girl by the name of Kezzia E. Russell, daughter of Richard and Hannah Underhill Russell. She was born Jan. 12, 1844, in Tedburry, Gloustershire, England, who had crossed the plains in the company preceding the Joseph R. Rawlins Company. She buried her father on the plains near Pole Creek near the Missouri River, her mother having died just previous to their leaving England, she was left to continue the journey with her four sisters and one brother. She and father were married on the 9th of November, 1865, in Provo, Joseph W. Flemming officiated, they were later sealed together in the endowment House at Salt Lake City. They built a little home on 3rd North and 3rd East in Provo and the house is still standing. Three of their children were born in this house.

Father, like most of his brothers aspired to the stage and he impersonated many unique characters in early day dramatics, his first effort being John Mormon in a play entitled "Missouri persecutions" The performance was given in "Bell's Folly", so called because the people thought it folly for Mr. Bell to build an amusement hall so far away from the settlement, the Hall being located at 6th west and 1st north street. In 1860 Cluff's Hall was built and served as the principle playhouse of the city for some time, this hall was built by the Cluff brothers. I have heard father say that at the time they commenced building this hall the cluff brothers could not have raised \$25.00 between them.

In 1866 and 1867 the Blackhawk War broke out. Father Cluff served as lieutenant in Company C. He also aided in building a twelve foot cobble rock wall around the block between University Avenue, first east and center and First north streets, this he says, accounts for the great number of cobble rocks scattered around the surface of that block. The wall was built for protection of the settlers when it was announced that Johnson's army was coming to Utah.

In 1872 the Cluff brothers, including father, having taken up several hundred acres of land in wasatch County moved there and in 1873 the other boys getting tired of the long cold winters sold their shares in the ranch to father where he and mother resided many years. The first few years their struggles were many. Mother bore eight children at this ranch with only the care of a midwife. At the organization of the Elkhorn branch of the Latter Day Saint Church in 1878, Father was called and set apart as the presiding Elder. He served two terms as Justice of the Peace in the Elkhorn District. In 1899 the Elkhorn Branch was promoted to a Ward. Father was ordained a Bishop under the hands of Apostle Francis M. Lyman and Abraham Hatch, President of the Wasatch Stake of Zion at that time. In 1900 Father was elected County Commissioner of Wasatch County on the Democrat ticket. For seventeen years he acted as school trustee and served as musical director in Elkhorn. He was also Superintendent of the Sunday School in his Ward from 1872 to 1878 inclusive.

In 1900 father, mother and the children still remaining with them moved back to Provo where he built a home at fifth East and 240 North.

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Father and mother lived happy, useful lives. They were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are still living as follows:

Ada Lenora Moulton, Springville.
Lillie M. Hardman, Woodland, Utah.
Henry Russell, Heber City, Utah.
Evalyn McDonald, Provo, Utah.
Charles Richard, Provo, Utah.
Nellie Woolstenhulme, Victor, Idaho.
William David Cluff, Provo, Utah.
Hyrum Frederick, Ocean Park, Cali.
John R., Victor, Idaho.

Father, like most of his ancestors lived to be a good old age. At his death January 16, 1931, he only lacked a few days of being 88 years old.

At his death he was living in the Fifty Ward at Provo and his services were held in the ward chapel where bishop W. O. Facer presided. Glowing tributes to the exemplary life and character of father were paid by the following speakers: Patríarch J. B. Keeler, Dr. Amos N. Merrill and Mr. Jos. Mecham. His favorite song "Oh my Father" was rendered by a male quartet. Bishop Albert Mabey pronounced benediction and the grave at the Provo Cemetary was dedicated by Thaddeus Cluff.

Mother preceded father in death sixteen years, they both having died on the 16th of January.

Father and most of his brothers took a great interest in genealogy, their ancestors are now traced in a direct descent twelve generations. A John Clough who came to America from London, England, in the ship Elizabeth, in 1685, was the first to come to America. He was born in 1613. Scarcely any ancestor so far traced has died under 80 years of age.

Father's 12 brothers all but David lived to be over 85, and they died in rotation as they were born.

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KEYIA ELIZABETH RUSSELL (CLUFF)

Keyia Elizabeth Russell (Cluff) was born, 12 Jan. 1844, in Tetbury, Gloucestershire, England, to Richard Russell and Hannah Maria Underhill.

She was christened in the Church of England. Not long after her family joined the L.D.S. church. Her mother passed away and the father planned to bring his family to America. The family left England. They sailed on the ship "The Hudson" - the father and his girls and one son, Richard. They suffered many hardships as the pioneers did. The family arrived in New York, 18 July 1864 - crossed the plains with William Hyde's Company. Their father had remarried on the way to Utah, - Hannah Stoneman Gillette Wilkins. Their father took sick with Cholera and died at what was known as Wyoming, Nebraska - was buried there. Hannah, the second wife, brought the family on to Utah, and they settled near the Weber Area.

Keyia obtained work on a farm with a family. Henry Cluff, who was working near by, met Keyia. He wooed her and won her. They were married, 9 Nov. 1865 in Provo, Utah. They went to the Endowment House, 21 Dec. 1868. Soon after their marriage, Henry went to fight in the Black Hawk War. Keyia wasn't used to the wilds of America but she learned to depend on the Lord while he was gone.

Henry was a farmer. He also raised stock. In 1871 he and Keyia moved to the Cluff Ranch near Keetley.

He and his Brother, Joseph, made many trips to Provo through Provo Canyon, cutting roads and fording the Provo River. They also lived in Elkhorn for a time. In 1910 or 1912 they left the Cluff Ranch and moved back to their home in Provo.

They had eleven children as follows:

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2. Lilly May Cluff - Born, 25 May 1868 in Provo, Ut. She married George Hardman, 12 Oct. 1887 in the Logan Temple. She was sealed to her Mother and Dad, 1 April 1969. She passed away 19 Oct. 1950 in Bacchus, Ut. S.L. Co.

3. Henry Russell - Born, 3 Dec. 1864, Provo, Utah, Ut. Co. He married Fanny Lovina McDonald, 2 Oct. 1892. He died, 18 June 1958.

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4. Evelyn - Born, 14 Aug. 1872, in Wanship, Utah. She married James H. McDonald, 6 Oct. 1900. She died in Ogden, Ut. at the age of 101.

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8. William David - Born, 24 April 1880, Keetley, Ut. He married Mable Bates, 14 Feb. 1903. Died.

9. Hyrum Fredrick - Born, 22 Jan. 1882, Keetley, Ut. He married Maria Margaret Taylor, 22 July 1903. He died on the 4th May 1959, S.L.C. Utah.

10. John Robert - Born, 24 Nov. 1883, Provo, Utah. He married Myrtle Jones, 25 Mar. 1908. Died in Victor, Idaho.

11. Albert Edward - Born, 6 Oct. 1885 at Keetley, Utah--died 6 June 1887.

Keyia and Henry were proud of their large family. She was known as a good cook and a good mother.

At the age of 71 Keyia passed away, 16 Jan. 1915 in Provo, Utah. Henry lived in Provo, Ut. until he passed away, 16 Jan. 1931 in Provo, Utah at the age of 88. He was kind to everyone who met him or knew him. He missed his Dear Wife.

This was taken from the book about Heber and from Keyia's sister's history, Hannah Maria Russell Marchant.

By Thelma Hardman, wife of John Hardman